

MAJESTIC GOWN  
SEEK AT RECEPTION

Gala Event Last Night at Pan-American Union Is First of Social Honors.

MRS. LANSING WEARS  
ROBE OF RED VELVET

Elaborate Supper Served and Dancing Enjoyed—Many Military Aids Present.

The initial social function of the Pan-American Scientific Congress was held last night at the Pan-American Union, and by its brilliancy gave promise of an interesting program to follow.

The official host and hostess of the evening were the Secretary of State and Mrs. Lansing, who were assisted in receiving by Judge George Gray of Delaware, the head of the United States delegation. Today Secretary Lansing gave a luncheon to the official delegates at his home on 16th street, and Mrs. Lansing will this afternoon receive delegates, the women of their families and their friends at Continental Memorial Hall, while dinner hosts and hostesses this evening will be Senator and Mrs. James Wadsworth, Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. William Phillips, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board and Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Hauge, widow of the former Norwegian minister; Mrs. Samuel Spencer, Mrs. John E. Henderson and Commissioner of Patents and Mrs. Thorne. From these homes the delegates and those invited to meet them will go to a reception which Mrs. Robert W. Patterson is to give at her beautiful residence on Dupont Circle.

The great hall of the Americas, where last night's reception assembly mostly congregated, was without decoration. Below, however, a suggestion of the Christmas season was given by big red wreaths suspended in the upper window of the facade of the building and by softly gleaming red and green electric lights scattered among the palms and tall ferns massing the shadowy corners of the patio, whose central fountain, with white electric lights shining through its translucent waters, murmured a soft accompaniment to the strains of the orchestra. Band wafted down from the floor above.

**Military in Great Numbers.**

The most striking feature of last night's entertainment was the great number of Army, Navy and Marine Corps officers on duty, with non-commissioned officers and privates, the latter standing at attention every six feet or so along the entrance hall and here and there at intervals on the stairs and in the reception rooms on the second floor.

The gathering was one in which the government of the United States played host and every adjunct of official etiquette was pronounced. The Secretary of State and Mrs. Lansing stood at the head of the flight of stairs on the left of the entrance, Capt. Powell Clayton, U. S. A., making introductions. Judge Gray stood at Mrs. Lansing's right hand. After the reception supper was served and there was dancing.

**Mrs. Lansing in Red Velvet.**

Mrs. Lansing was beautifully gown in red velvet, the bright, rich shade known as pigeon blood ruby. It was made with full circular skirt, opening over a petticoat panel of cloth of silver, veiled with silk net the same shade of red. It was cut short in front and ripped away toward the back, where it lay some two feet on the floor as a train.

The bodice was formed of a deep light blue of an up to the neck, a point front and back over the upper part, which was entirely of silver lace and paillettes. The lace being finished in a point ended with a silver tassel, which fell down well over the shoulders. Similar sleeves of full over-skirt, but which extended downward on one side and ran out into a point at the wrist, with a deep edge of gold.

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**Diplomatic Women's Gowns.**

Mme. Pezet wore one of the most beautiful gowns seen during the evening. It was draped in modes of white and silver brocade, the elaborate pattern being brought forth with threads of metallic silver. The bodice was of silver lace and rhinestone paillettes.

Mme. Riano wore a striking gown of light green and white, with a gold lace. The front of the bodice was entirely of gold lace and the skirt was made with a drapery, which in front had the appearance of a short full overskirt, but which extended downward on one side and ran out into a point at the wrist.

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Mrs. McAdoo, who accompanied her husband, the Secretary of the Treasury, looked pretty in a charmingly simple little frock of broad satin. The satin is pale blue, very rich in texture and embellished with raised flowers, the chief tone of the floral group being deep red, a rose being the dominant note. This gown is a simple round bodice cut straight across the breast and finished with sleeves of silver lace stopping a little short of the elbow. The skirt is abridged in half a dozen rows about the waist and falls in ample unbroken folds to the hem, where it is banded with a trimming of soft brown. She carried a large white ostrich feather fan.

**Mrs. Draper's Gown.**

Mrs. William P. Draper wore a striking gown of mauve brocade crepe, with overdraped rhinestone-studded net, which fell to the knees. The bodice was made also of the rhinestone passementerie, the front of the corsage being formed entirely of perpendicular lines

of rhinestones. Mrs. Draper wore the jewels which have made her famous. Mrs. Draper wore a charmingly dainty little frock of colored chiffon, embellished with velvet flowers in a scattered pattern, the dominant note of color being deep purple, and to carry out the color scheme the skirt was caught in festoons about the bottom, held in place by panies. A large pansy nestled in the corsage.

Dr. David Jayne Hill Talks  
of Plans for the Formation  
of Pan-American Fraternity

"The American countries above all others are interested in the preservation of constitutional self-government," said David Jayne Hill before the section on international law, public law and jurisprudence today.

"There will be among self-governing countries such unanimity in the acceptance of the principles of international justice and such union in organizing such necessary means of defense as to present to the world a formidable solidarity of peoples determined to maintain their independence against arbitrary aggression," said Mr. Hill. "Founded upon the same fundamental principles, with the same general theory of the state as the protector of human rights, the American countries are in a favorable position to attain such solidarity."

"It is easy to point out obstacles to such union, but the really decisive thing is the clear perception that justice, regardless of size and power, is the only firm foundation for pan-American fraternity. For this it is essential that there be a profound consciousness on the part of all the American peoples that their welfare is closely bound up with their duties and their responsibilities."

Set of Arbitrary Rules.

"For the absolute state international law is merely a set of arbitrary rules, to which assent and obedience may be accorded or from which they may be withheld, as it may be the good pleasure of sovereign power to determine. But for the constitutional state there are principles of natural justice which are of universal application; for they are the principles upon which the authority of the state are logical corollaries of the constitutional system and must stand or fall together. If, notwithstanding the arbitrary forces that may oppose it, then international law is a set of arbitrary rules, as it is in substance only the application of principles of justice to the social and political relations of states. The authority of law between individuals of the same nation, these same reasons exist and have no less than those who are being trained in the trades, acquire extensive development of the senses. The advent of mechanical power and machinery, however, has impaired this development."

Dr. Eliot Tells of Changes  
in the Secondary Schools  
Which Are Needed in U. S.

"The Changes Needed in American Secondary Education" was the subject of a paper prepared by and read for Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, at the morning session today of the section of the congress devoted to its interest to education. Too little attention is being paid in the schools today to sense training, in the opinion of Dr. Eliot.

"The most important part of education," he said, "is the training of the senses, which, besides supplying the faculty of accurate observation, creates the habit of careful reflection and measured reasoning. The boys on the farms, no less than those who are being trained in the trades, acquire extensive development of the senses. The advent of mechanical power and machinery, however, has impaired this development."

Dr. Eliot said this sense training should be the prime object in human education, from the primary to the professional grade. He pointed out that education in ancient times was based principally on literature, accompanying this being the study of the fine arts, thus calling for a high artistic development. The secondary schools are now giving from one-tenth to one-sixth of their force to observational, sense-training subjects.

**More Hand, Ear and Eye Work.**

To correct the deficiencies alluded to, Dr. Eliot urged the introduction of more hand, ear and eye work, such as drawing, carpentry, turning, music, sewing and cooking, and the allotting of more time to the sciences of observation, chemistry, physics, biology and geography, not political, but geological and ethnological geography. In the secondary schools, an important place, it was said, should be given to agriculture, the pupils working in school gardens and experimental plots in city schools. Dr. Eliot, the boy should not be familiarized with the details of actual work, but should be trained by giving him an all-round bodily vigor, a nervous system should be developed that would make him capable of multiform co-ordinated efforts, a liking for doing his best in competition with his mates.

**True Yellow Fever Germ Has Not Yet Been Found, Havana Physician Asserts**

In a paper read before the section on public health today, Dr. Aristide Agramonte of Havana, Cuba, said:

"The true germ of yellow fever has not yet been found, although it is present in the blood from the first to the third day of the disease. The first rational campaign against the disease was started by Maj. W. C. Gorgas at Havana and afterwards the same work was taken up in Mexico, at Laredo, Tex., and other places. These campaigns all had as their principal object the protection of the sick and the eradication of the mosquito."

Dr. Agramonte said that there were five cases in Brazil during the present year, six in Ecuador and four in Mexico. He believed that sooner or later the disease would be found only in Africa. Mexico and Cuba, he said, have been freed from it for many years.

"It is practically impossible to eradicate the mosquito," continued Dr. Agramonte. "The best that can be hoped for is to reduce the number below yellow fever level." The main object of quarantine laws, it was said, should be to prevent the introduction of mosquitoes in railroad cars, vessels, etc.

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Regulation of Utilities  
as Affecting Investments  
Theme of Charles A. Prouty

"Will too much government regulation in public utilities prevent private capital from investment in these corporations?" was the question asked today by Charles A. Prouty, director of the division of valuation, interstate commerce commission, before the section on taxation, finance, commerce and transportation.

"The property invested in our public utilities," said Mr. Prouty, "is private. Ordinarily the owner of private property may do with it as he lists, but today the commission controls the property of the utility. It can largely overrule the judgment of the owner as to the methods which should be employed, and it can absolutely limit the return which can be earned. When the investment was made regulation was not the effective thing it is now; would the owners of this property have invested had they foreseen what is actually happening?"

Need of Additional Capital.

"In the future large sums—perhaps as large or larger than the present investment—must be had for the further development of these utilities. Can that money be obtained? Will private investors have sufficient confidence in the future of their investment to make it? Will the commission give the utility the security which it needs in its operation and will it allow a sufficient return so that the needed private funds can be had? This is the doubtful point, and the doubt can only be resolved by actual experience."

Discussing Public Health,  
Dr. B. W. Caldwell Predicts  
Disappearance of Typhus

The world is being rid of typhus, and it is scheduled to disappear entirely, according to Dr. B. W. Caldwell, speaking before the section on public health of the Pan-American Scientific Congress this afternoon. Dr. Caldwell said that the epidemic of the disease which has recently scourged Serbia is probably the last one that will be felt in the entire civilized world, unless epidemic conditions are vastly more favorable to the disease than ever before. He said that the lessons taught by the present epidemic permit an optimistic view of the future to be taken; that typhus is one of the easiest diseases to exterminate in its conditions are favorable and when the light of present science is thrown on the disease.

The epidemic in Serbia, he said, was due to preventable causes, to inexcusable indifference on the part of authorities, and to civil dissension and to "careless amassing to crime."

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